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Mr Robert Pullella  
Office of Gas Access Regulation  
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Dear Sir

### **DRAFT DECISION ON THE DBNGP RATES CASE**

Egis has been a consultant to the pipeline industry in Australia since 1971 (under our former name of CMPS&F) and also undertakes pipeline projects on a global basis.

We would like to register our concern regarding the recent draft decision on the DBNGP rates case. It is our view that if this decision is allowed to stand, it is doubtful that companies such as Epic Energy will have the confidence to invest further in WA. This will have significant knock-on effects to not only consultants such as Egis, but also to a whole range of contractors, fabricators, suppliers and service providers that participate in major pipeline projects.

From our experience working in many other countries, we note that there are few countries that so actively discourage pipeline projects by over regulation of the industry as has been done in West Australia.

We urge OFFGAR to reconsider your decision giving due consideration to the wide range of large and small businesses that benefit from these projects as well as the end users.

Yours faithfully

**Pat O'Dwyer**  
Regional Director